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ABSTRACT

This biography examines the life of Leta Stetter Hollingworth who was born in rural Nebraska in 1886, rose above an abusive childhood and strong prejudice to become an influential psychologist, feminist, educator, author, and advocate for gifted children. Individual chapters have the following titles: (1) "A Child Called 'E'"; (2) "The Lone Pine"; (3) "The Girl in the Red Tam O'Shanter"; (4) "Making Lemon Pies"; (5) "A Somewhat More Agitated Woman" (6) "The Nurturant Mother of Gifted Education"; (7) "An 'Unexpected Answer to Fifteen Years of Prayer'"; (8) "Loving and Working"; and (9) "Homecoming." Among the topics addressed are her mother's death at age 3, her abusive stepmother, college years, graduate study, the Binet-Simon Intelligence Scale, the psychology of women, the feminist alliance, the Public School 165 experiments in gifted education, precedents in gifted education, the "special perplexities" of the gifted, Leta's legacy, and the professionalization of psychology. (Individual chapters contain references.) (DB)

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